



VFC Shield Lauches "FirstAware"

The VFC Shield program is pleased to launch **FirstAware**. FirstAware is our sector-specific newsletters tailored to our Emergency Services Sectors. Each month we will send out a new edition of FirstAware with relevant article, resources and training for our Emergency Service Shield members.

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-VFC Shield Team



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Incidents/Articles of Note:

- [Northern Virginia Police Agencies Team up to Investigate Law-Enforcement Shootings](#)
- [Virginia House Kills Bill to End Qualified Immunity](#)
- [Virginia Motorist Dies Following Officer-Involved Shooting](#)
- [FBI Assisting North Carolina LE Agency in Investigating Homemade Explosive Devices](#)
- [FBI Agents Killed in Florida](#)
- [Erie County Sheriffs Looking for Man Who Threw Gas Grenade at Deputy](#)



TOOLS & RESOURCES

[Report on the 2020 protests and Civil Unrest - October 2020](#)

Major Cities Chiefs Association - Intelligence Commanders Group

On May 26th, 2020, protests erupted in Minneapolis, Minnesota as a result of the in-custody death of George Floyd. Video footage of the catalytic event quickly went viral, garnering widespread media attention and calls for condemnation of the involved officers. An unprecedented wave of protests and civil unrest began flowing across the U.S. and Canada in the days and months that followed. In total, there were 8,700 protests that took place in most major cities between May 25th and July 31st, 2020. While the vast majority of these protests were peaceful, a large portion did include non-violent acts of civil disobedience such as the takeover of a roadway or disruption of commerce.

[Active Shooter Attacks Action Guide: Security Awareness for Soft Targets and Crowded Places](#)

DHS - CISA

An active shooter is an individual actively engaged in killing or attempting to kill people in a confined and populated area. In most cases, active shooters use firearm(s) and have no pattern or method to their selection of victims, which creates an unpredictable and quickly evolving situation that can result in loss of life and injury. Other active shooter attack methods may also include bladed weapons, vehicles, and improvised explosive devices. While law enforcement is usually required to end an active shooter situation, individuals can take steps to prepare mentally and physically for the possibility of this type of event occurring in order to save lives.

[Department of Fire Programs is now on Cornerstone](#)

Virginia Department of Fire Programs

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<https://www.vafire.com/training-and-courses/csod-page/>



February 9 @ 9:00 am - 1:00 pm PST

[Fundamentals of OSINT](#)

Presented by InfraGard
Los Angeles



February 9 @ 11:30 am - 1:00 pm CST

[Counter Threat Group Briefing on Domestic Terror, Spontaneous Violence, and IED Threats](#)

Presented by InfraGard
Birmingham



Tue, Feb 09, 2021 | 1:00pm-3:30pm EST

[Shot in the Dark: A Cold Case Homicide in the Digital Age](#)

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Tue, Feb 16, 2021 | 1:00pm-2:15pm EST

[How Geo-Signals Can Aid in Your Investigations](#)

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Tue, Feb 23, 2021 1:00pm-2:30pm Eastern

[How Money Moves](#)

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Wed, Feb 24, 2021 1:00pm-2:30pm Eastern

[Living Well: Prioritizing First Responder's Personal Mental Health and Wellness](#)

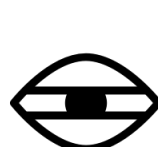
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